

Anno Regni Guilielmi Tertii, Angliæ, Scotiæ,
Franciæ, et Hiberniæ, REGIS, Octavo.

An Act,

For continuing of several Acts therein
after mentioned, that are near Expiring.

WE His Majesties Dutiful Subjects the Representatives of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New-England, in General Court Assembled, being duly sensible of the great Charges and Expences which have already risen, and are daily growing and increasing for the Defense of His Majesties Subjects and Interests within this His Province; For the more effectual Prosecuting the present War against the French and other His Majesties Enemies; For defraying the necessary & contingent Charges in and about the Support of the Government of the Province; And for the payment of such Grants, Salaries and Allowances as have or shall be Made and Ordered by the General Assembly.

Therefore to the ends and intents aforesaid, May it be Enacted.

And be it accordingly Enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Council, and Representatives Convened in General Court, and By the Authority of the same,

That the several Impositions, Rates and Duties upon all Wines, Liquors, Goods, Wares and Merchandizes that shall be Imported into this Province; Tunnage of Shipping, and the Duties of Excise Granted unto His Majesty, Enumerated in and by an Act of the Great and General Court or Assembly: Entituled, *An Act, For Impost, Excise and Tunnage of Shipping*; and by one other Additional Act, *For Impost and Excise*: both made in the Fourth Year of the Reign of His Present Majesty, and of our late most Gracious Sovereign Lady, Queen *Mary*, of blessed Memory; and one other Act, Entituled, *An Act, For the better Collecting the Impost and Excise, and preventing Frauds*: Made in the Fifth Year of Their said Majesties Reign: and by one other Act, Entituled, *An Act, For the Reviving and Continuing of the Duties upon Goods, Impost, Excise and Tunnage of Shipping*, and the Acts for granting of the same: Made in the Sixth Year of Their said Majesties Reign; and the additional Rates and Duties of Impost upon Wines, Liquors, Goods, Wares Merchandizes and Tunnage of Shipping, mentioned in an Act, Entituled, *An Act, For granting unto Their Majesties, a Tax on Polls and Estates, and additional Duties of Impost and Tunnage of Shipping*: Made in the Seventh Year of His present

present Majesties Reign: Be and are hereby further granted and continued until the Twenty-ninth Day of *June*, One Thousand Six Hundred Ninety Seven, and no longer, and that the said several Acts before mentioned, and the Act Entituled, *An Act, For Continuing certain Rates and Duties of Impost, Excise and Tunnage of Shipping*, and Reviving of the Acts for Granting the same: Made and passed by the General Assembly begun and held the Twenty-ninth Day of *May*, One Thousand Six Hundred Ninety Five. In the Seventh Year of His said Majesties Reign: And all the Powers, Penalties Articles and Clauses in the said several Acts contained, other than what of any of them are already altered or repealed, or that shall otherwise in this present Act be altered or provided for, shall continue & be of full force & effect, until the said Twenty-ninth Day of *June*, One Thousand Six Hundred Ninety Seven, and no longer; and for and during that Term shall be applied practised and executed for the Levying, Collecting, answering and paying the said Rates and Duties hereby continued, according to the Tenor and Intent of this present Act, as fully to all intents and purposes, as if all and every the Clauses, Matters and Things in said Acts or any of them contained, had been again Repeated in this Act, and particularly Enacted.

Provided nevertheless, And be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,

Draw back
upon Exportation within
Twelve
Months.

That whereas in and by the said Acts, no Draw-back is to be had upon the Exportation of Wines and Liquors after the expiration of nine months next following their being Imported, the said time of nine months is hereby enlarged unto twelve months for all Wines and Liquors that shall be Imported after the Twenty-ninth Day of *June*, in this present Year One Thousand Six Hundred Ninety Six. Any former Law, Usage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Masters of
Ships to
make Oath to
their manifest

And be it further Enacted,

That all Masters or Ships or other Vessels, shall make Oath to the account which the Law obliges them to give under their Hands to the Commissioner for Impost and Excise, of any Goods which they have on Board liable by Law to pay Impost; which Oath shall be, That the same is a true account to the best of their knowledge, of the quantities, and to whom the Goods are consigned, with the marks thereof; to be administered by the Commissioner or Receiver respectively, who are hereby Impowred thereto.

Abatement
for Decayed
Wines.

And if it be made appear, That any Wines Imported in any Ship or Vessel be decayed at the time of Landing thereof, or in twenty four hours afterwards, Oath being made (if required) before the said Commissioner or Receiver, that the same hath not been Landed above that time, the Duties of Impost for such decayed Wines shall be abated. And the said Commissioner is hereby also Impowred to Lett or Farm out the Excise within the Counties of *Hampshire, York, Dukes-County*, and the Island of *Nantucket*, for the best profit and advantage of the Publick that he can for the Ensuing Year.

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And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,
That the Act Entituled, *An Act, Encouraging a Post Office* : Made in the Fifth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, and the Late Queen Mary, of Blessed Memory : And all the Clauses and Articles therein contained, be, and hereby is revived and continued to be, ^{Continuance of the Post-Office.} abide and remain in full force for the space of three years from the Publication hereof, and no longer.

And be it further Enacted.

That the Act Entituled, *An Act, To prevent the Deserting of the Frontiers* : And the Act Entituled, *An Act, For the further continuance of several Acts relating to the Prosecution of the War* : Both made in the Seventh Year of His said Majesties Reign, and all the Clauses and Articles in each of said Acts contained, be, and hereby are revived and continued to be, ^{Continuance of the Act to prevent deserting the Frontiers &c.} abide and remain in full force unto the Twenty Ninth Day of June, One Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-seven, and no longer.

And be it further Enacted.

That the Act Entituled, *An Act, To prohibit the Exportation of Grain*. Made at the Sitting of the General Assembly in November last, in the Seventh Year of His said Majesties Reign ; Be, and hereby is revived and continued to be, ^{Continuance of the Act against Exportation of Grain.} abide and remain in full force until the end of the next Sessions of this present General Assembly & no longer.

An Act,

For the Settlement and well Ordering
of a Publick Market and Fairs,
within the Town of Boston.

WHEREAS by Long Experience within His Majesties Kingdom of England, the Setting up of Fairs and Markets in Cities, Sea-Ports, and other Populous Towns and Places has been found of general benefit and advantage : And forasmuch as great inconveniences are observed to attend not only the Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, but also the Country People living near the same, for want of a Publick and Open Market in said Town, to the intent that Forestalling, Regrating and Ingrossing of Victuals and other Commodities may the better be prevented.

Be it therefore Enacted by the Lieutenant Governour, Council, and Representatives in General Court, Assembled, and by the Authority of the same,

That henceforward there be a Market held and kept within the

Market days

faid Town of *Boston*, upon each *Tuesday*, *Thursday* and *Saturday* in every Week weekly and on no other dayes, to be kept at fuch place or places in faid Town, where the major part of the Justices of Peace, and Select-men of faid Town shall agree and assign for the most conveniency of the Inhabitants in general, and the Country People resorting to faid Market.

And for the opening and raising of the said Market, It is Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,

A Bell to ring
at the opening
of the
Market &c

That a Bell be Rung every Market-Day at the Opening of the Market, at Twelve a Clock, and at the ending of the Market : *That is to say*, From the first day of *March*, until the first day of *May* yearly, at Seven a Clock in the Morning, and from the first day of *May*, to the first Day of *September* yearly, at Six a Clock in the Morning ; and from the first day of *September*, to the first day of *March* yearly, at Nine a Clock before-noon. And that the Market shall not hold and continue after six a Clock Afternoon, from the first of *March*, to the first of *September* ; nor after four a Clock Afternoon, from the first of *September*, until the first of *March* yearly. And if any person or persons shall Sell, or put to open Sale in the faid Market, any manner of Provisions, or other Commodities, before the Ringing of the Market Bell, at the said several hours and times in the morning respectively ; such Offender or Offenders being therof convict, shall be deemed and reputed to be Forefallers of the Market, and shall be proceeded against as such, as by this Act in that case is directed and appointed.

No Sale to be
in the Market
till the bell
Ring.

And it is further Declared and Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,

No Sale to be
but in the
Market.

That no person or persons, from and after the setting up of the faid Market, shall buy or cause to be Bought any Victuals or any other Commodities whatsoever, coming to the faid Market by Land or Water ; or make any Bargain, Contract or Promise for the having and buying of the same, or any part thereof so coming as aforesaid, before the same shall be brought into the faid Market, ready to be there Sold ; or shall make any motion by word, Letter or otherwise to any person for the Enhancing of the price, or dearer Selling any Commodity in the faid Market, on pain of being proceeded against as a Forefaller of the Market.

Retailers,
Hucksters &c
to buy until
the afternoon

And it is also further Enacted, (In regard that the Market is principally intended for the benefit of House-keepers who Buy for their own use and behoof) That the Retailers, Hucksters and Traders of the Town, shall not enter into the Market, to make their Provisions, and Buy of any of the Market People there, until the Afternoon of every Market-day, to the intent that the House-keepers may provide themselves in the morning of every day at the first hand, and pay moderate Rates for their Provisions ; On pain that e-

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very such Retailer, Huckster or Trader for every time offending herein, shall be proceeded against as a Reqrater or Ingrosser.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,

That no person or persons bringing any sort of Provisions or other Commodities out of the Country unto the Town of *Boston* for Sale, from and after the setting up of the said Market, shall sell, utter or put to shew or Sale any of the same in any private House, Ware-house, in any other Inn, Ale-house, Tavern, Lane, Alley, Street, or other place or places but in whatsoever within the said Town or Precincts or Liberties thereof, the Market, but in the Market place, and in Market-time only, according as is before appointed; On pain that every such person so carrying or offering to put to Sale in any otherwise, any Provisions or other Commodities shall forfeit the same so offered to Sale, or the value thereof, without any manner of Favour.

Provided always, That no Clause or Expression herein contained shall extend, be intended, deemed or adjudged to restrain or abridge any Merchant, Factor, or others from Buying, Purchasing, Agreeing, or Contracting for any sort of Grain, or Dead Provision whatsoever, with design and intent to Transport the same beyond the Seas, nor unto Butchers selling their Victuals in open Shop or Shops, nor shall intend to hinder any person or persons that do Import any Grain or Provisions, and other Commodities in Sloops or other Vessels, from any Towns within this Province, Neighbouring Colonies, or other Places to Sell the same upon their Arrival in *Boston*, without carrying the same into the Market, nor unto the Selling of Fish, Hay, Wood, Timber, Lumber, Pidgeons, Milk, Cyder, Pease, or Beans in the Shell, Fruits and Herbs, as has been accustomed.

And it is further Provided, That no Tax or Toll be paid for any Goods or Commodities brought into the Market, nor for the use of Stands, or other Places, for the disposing of said Commodities: And that what Provisions or Commodities are left Unfold in the Market; the Owner or Owners thereof shall have free liberty to sell and dispose thereof at any other time.

Be it further Enacted,

That there be two Fairs held in the Town of *Boston* Annually, in the place or places to be appointed by the major part of the Justices and Select-men of said Town, *That is to say*, One on the last *Tuesday* in *May*, and the other on the last *Tuesday* in *October*; each Fair to continue four days.

And it is likewise Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,

That every Ware-house or Shop in the Town of *Boston* aforesaid, shall be Market-Overt for such Goods, Wares and Commodities as are usually Bought and Sold therein, and the property of all such Goods, Wares and Commodities by their being bought and sold or overt.

disposed of in such Ware-house or Shop shall be legally vested in the Purchaser : Any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

And be it further Enacted,

Clerks of the Market how shall be one or more Clerks of the Market nominated and appointed to be appointed by the Select-men of said Town, which said Clerk or Clerks of the Market are hereby impowred to Supervise the said Market, and to take effectual care to prevent all frauds, abuses and disorders that may arise therein ; and shall frequently attend and be in the said Market, during Market-time.

And it is further Enacted,

Clerks of the Market to be from time to time be Sealer or Sealers of Weights and Measures for Sealers of the Town of Boston : Any former Law, Usage or Custome to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

And be it further Ordained and Enacted by the Authority of this present General Assembly,

Penalty for forestalling &c. That every ForeSTALLER Regrater or Ingrosser for every Conviction of any Offence in that kind, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Shillings : And that all pains, forfeitures, Penalties, Sum. and Sums of Money to be forfeited by virtue of this Act, shall be employed, inure and accrue ; one moiety thereof to the use of the Poor of said Town of Boston, and the other moiety to him or them that shall inform and sue for the same by Action of Debt, Bill, Complaint or Information before two or more Justices of the Peace within said Town.

And for the further Encouragement and better Governing of the said Market.

It is Enacted and Ordained by the Authority aforesaid,

Justices Power, That it shall and may be lawful, to and for any two or more of the Justices of the Peace within the Town of Boston to have, hold, use and exercise the Powers, Authorities and Jurisdictions of a Court, and to make out Process for to hear and determine all matters, controversies, quarrels and things arising in the said Market, and offences against the Rules thereof, and therein to proceed summarily, and give Judgment immediately without being obliged to follow the strict Rules of ordinary Process : Any Law, Ordinance, Custome or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided Nevertheless, That neither this Act nor any thing therein contained, shall be, and continue in force any longer than one year from the first opening of the said Market.

An Act,

For Granting unto His Majesty a Tax
upon Polls and Estate.

WE His Majesties Loyal and Dutiful Subjects the Representatives of this His Majesties Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New-England, Convened in General Assembly. For and towards the Repair of His Majesties Castle upon Castle Island near Boston, and Support of the Garrison there ; For the Subsistence and Paying of Wages to Seamen and Souldiers, that are or shall be employed in His Majesties Service, for the defence of this His Province, and a Vigorous Prosecution of the War, against His Majesties Enemies ; For the Payment of such Salaries, Grants and Allowances as have been or shall be made by the General Court or Assembly, and all such Allowances and Payments as are already directed by any Act of this Province to be made out of the Publick Treasury ; For the Discharging the Arrears of Debts, due from each of the late Colonies of the Massachusetts and Plymouth, and the Publick Debts now due from this Province, or that shall be Contracted on the Publick Account within the same ; For the Support of the Government, and answering of the Incident and Contingent Charges thereof ; and for no other ends or intents whatsoever. Do Unanimously Grant unto His most Excellent Majesty, a Tax of Six thousand three hundred forty four Pounds, in Money, to be levied upon Polls and Estates both real and personal within the said Province, as in and by this present Act for the manner and proportion thereof is directed and set forth.

And be it Enacted by the Lieutenant Governour, Council and Representatives in General Court Assembled, and by the Authority of the same,

That the Treasurer do forthwith send out his Warrants directed unto the Select-men, Trustees or Assessors of each respective Town or Precinct within this Province, Requiring them forthwith to Assess the Sums herein set and proportioned unto such Town or Precinct, upon all Rateable Male Polls above the Age of Sixteen Years (except Elders of Churches, settled Ministers, the President, Fellows & Students of *Harvard-Colledge*, Grammar School masters, and such who through Age, Infirmary or extream Poverty in the Judgment of the Assessors are sendred incapable to contribute towards publick Charges) and upon all Estates both real and personal lying within the Limits and Bounds of such Town or Precinct, and next unto the same (not paying else-where) in whose hands or possession soever

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the same shall be found, in just and equal proportion as near as may be, according to their best judgment and discretion, making no difference as to the Sum set upon Polls; All Indian, Melatto and Negro Servants to be Estimated as other personal Estate; And to make two distinct Lists of the Assessment of said Sum upon the Polls and Estates within such Town or Precinct, each List containing one just half of the said Towns or Precincts proportion to this Tax; therein setting forth what each particular person is to pay towards the same, against his or her name respectively. And the Lists so perfected and signed by the said Assessors, or the major part of them, to commit to the Collector, Constable or Constables of such Town or Precinct, as also to return a Certificate of the name or names of such Collector, Constable or Constables, together with the Sum total of the List or Lists to each of them respectively committed, unto the Treasurer, at or before the Fifteenth day of *August* next coming.

And the Treasurer upon Receipt of such Certificate, is hereby impowred and ordered to issue forth his Warrant or Warrants to the said Collector, Constable or Constables, requiring him or them respectively to Collect the Sum total of one of the said Lists, and to pay the same into the Treasury, and issue the Accompts thereof with himself or his Successor in said Office, at or before the first day of *October* next ensuing. Also to Collect the Sum total of the other of said Lists, and pay the same in, and issue the Accompts thereof as aforesaid, at or before the first day of *January* next following. And the Treasurer is hereby also directed to send his aforesaid Warrants inclosed to the Sheriff or Marshal of each respective County, who is hereby required immediately to disperse and transmit the same unto the Select men, Trustees, Assessors, Constables or Collectors of the several Towns and Precincts, according to the directions thereof; and for his said Service, Charge and Expences therein, shall have a reasonable allowance ordered him by the Court of Quarter Sessions in such County, out of the County Treasury, upon his laying the Accompt thereof before them.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,

That each Town and Precinct within this Province shall be Assessed and pay as its proportion to this present Tax, the Sums hereafter following. *That is to say,*

In the County of SUFFOLK.

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
<i>Boston</i> , Twelve Hundred Pounds	1200	00	00
<i>Dorchester</i> , One Hundred Forty Six Pounds	146	00	00
<i>Roxbury</i> , One Hundred and Ten Pounds.	110	00	00
<i>Milton</i> , Sixty Pounds.	60	00	00
<i>Brantrey</i> , One Hundred Pounds.	100	00	00
<i>Weymouth</i> , Seventy six Pounds.	76	00	00
<i>Hingham</i> , One Hundred and Four Pounds.	104	00	00
<i>Dedham</i> ,			

Dedham, Eighty Pounds.	80	00	00
Medfield, Fifty Two Pounds.	52	00	00
Wrentham, Twenty Pounds.	20	00	00
Mendon, Sixteen Pounds.	16	00	00
Hull, Twenty Six Pounds.	26	00	00

In the County of ESSEX.

Salem, Two Hundred & Seventy Pounds.	270	00	00
Ipswich, Two Hundred & Ninety Pounds.	290	00	00
Newbury, Two Hundred and Twenty Pounds.	220	00	00
Salisbury, Forty Pounds.	40	00	00
Topsfield, Fifty two Pounds.	52	00	00
Ambsury, Eighteen Pounds.	18	00	00
Haverhill, Fifty six Pounds.	56	00	00
Andover, Seventy six Pounds.	76	00	00
Bradford, Twenty Four Pounds.	24	00	00
Boxford, Thirty Pounds.	30	00	00
Marble-head, One Hundred & Sixteen Pounds.	116	00	00
Lynn, One Hundred & Twelve Pounds.	112	00	00
Wenham, Fifty six Pounds.	56	00	00
Beverly, Eighty Pounds.	80	00	00
Glocester, Fifty two Pounds.	52	00	00
Manchester, Twelve Pounds.	12	00	00
Rowley, Sixty Eight Pounds.	68	00	00

In the County of MIDDLESEX.

Charlstown, Two Hudred Pounds.	200	00	00
Cambridge, One Hundred Twenty six pounds.	126	00	00
Watertown, One Hundred Eighty eight pounds.	188	00	00
Newtown, Sixty eight Pounds.	68	00	00
Sudbury, Eighty pounds.	80	00	00
Marlborough, Fifty four pounds.	54	00	00
Medford, Twenty pounds.	20	00	00
Malden, Sixty pounds.	60	00	00
Woburn, Ninety six Pounds.	96	00	00
Reading, Sixty six Pounds.	66	00	00
Billerica, Thirty four Pounds.	34	00	00
Chelmsford, Forty Eight Pounds.	48	00	00
Concord, One Hundred & eight pounds.	108	00	00
Stow, Twelve Pounds.	12	00	00
Groton, Twenty Pounds.	20	00	00
Lancaster, Sixteen Pounds.	16	00	00
Sherbourn, Thirty Pounds.	30	00	00

In the County of HAMPSHIRE.

Springfield, Eighty Pounds.	80	00	00
Northampton, Seventy six Pounds.	76	00	00
Hadley, Forty Eight Pounds.	48	00	00
Hatfield, Forty two pounds.	42	00	00
Southfield, Sixteen pounds.	16	00	00
Westfield, Twenty six pounds.	26	00	00
Enfield, Four Pounds.	4	00	00

<i>In the County of PLYMOUTH.</i>		
Plimouth, Seventy four pounds.	74	00 00
Situate, One Hundred & six pounds.	106	00 00
Marshfield, Sixty-six pounds.	66	00 00
Duxbury, Forty six Pounds.	46	00 00
Middleborough, Twenty Pounds.	20	00 00
Bridgewater, Forty Eight Pounds.	48	00 00

<i>In the County of BARNSTABLE.</i>		
Barnstable, Seventy-six pounds.	76	00 00
Yarmouth, Fifty six pounds.	56	00 00
Eastham, Fifty Eight Pounds.	58	00 00
Sandwich, Sixty four pounds.	64	00 00
Falmouth, Fourteen pounds.	14	00 00
Manamott, Fourteen pounds.	14	00 00
Harwich, Twenty two pounds.	22	00 00
Recheester, Twelve Pounds.	12	00 00

<i>In the County of BRISTOL,</i>		
Bristol, Forty two Pounds.	42	00 00
Taunton, Eighty four Pounds.	84	00 00
Dartmouth, Eighty Pounds.	80	00 00
Freetown, Ten Pounds.	10	00 00
Rehoboth, Seventy four Pounds.	74	00 00
Attleborough, Ten Pounds.	10	00 00
Swansey, Fifty Eight Pounds.	58	00 00
Little Compton, Forty two Pounds.	42	00 00
Triverton, Sixteen Pounds.	16	00 00

<i>In the County of YORK.</i>		
York Eight Pounds.	8	00 00
Wells, Eight Pounds.	8	00 00
Kittery, Sixteen Pounds.	16	00 00

<i>In Dukes COUNTY.</i>		
Edgar Town, Thirty Pounds.	30	00 00
Tisbury, Twenty Pounds.	20	00 00
Chilmark, Twenty Pounds.	20	00 00
Nantuckett, Seventy Pounds.	70	00 00

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,

That it shall and may be lawful, to and for the Select-men or Trustees of any of the Towns or Precincts afore-mentioned, and they have hereby full power and authority to cause the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of their respective Towns or Precincts, qualified by Law to Vote in Town Affairs, to assemble at such time and place as they shall appoint, and to elect and depute seven, five or three persons being Free holders within such Town or Precinct, to be Assessors for the proportioning and assessing the Sum before set on such Town or Precinct upon the Male Polls and Estate within the same: and all and every such person, so Chosen for Assessors, and accepting, thereof, shall take the Oath following. *That is to say,*

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YOU A. B. being Chosen an Assessor for the Town of C. for this present Tax, do Swear, That in the discharge of said Trust, you will deal impartially and equally therein, in proportioning the Sum to be Assessed upon the said Town, after the best of your discretion and judgment. So help you God, &c.

Oath

Which Oath the Town Clerk of each Town or Precinct, where there is no Justice of the Peace, is hereby impowred to administer. And if the Select-men or Trustees of any Town or Precinct, shall neglect or refuse to cause Assessors to be Chosen as aforesaid, or if such Assessors so chosen shall refuse to accept of the said Trust; the present Select-men or Trustees of such Town or Precinct, shall be, and are hereby declared the Assessors of the same, and shall severally take the Oath before-mentioned. And every Assessor attending the Service aforesaid, shall be paid by the Town Treasurer, or out of the Town Stock, Two Shillings *Per Diem* for each day he attends said Service.

And be it further Enacted,

That if the Assessors of any Town or Precinct shall neglect or refuse to perform the Service required of them by this Act, they shall pay the Sum set and proportioned upon such Town or Precinct, in and by this Act, to be Levied by distress and sale of the Estates real or personal of such defaultive Assessors by a Warrant from the Treasurer directed to the Sheriff or Marshal of the County in which such Town or Precinct lies, and for want of Estate, their Bodies to be taken and imprisoned, until they pay the same. And all Sheriffs, Constables or Collectors failing of performing the Duty and Service of them respectively required, shall be liable and subject unto the like Pains, Penalties and Forfeitures, to be prosecuted and recovered of them in the same way and manner as in and by any Act or Acts of the General Assembly, or any clause, branch or article thereof are set, declared and described.

And for the better enabling the Treasurer to Enforce the bringing in the Moneys herein granted or due from any Town or Precinct, or in the hands of any Sheriff, Constable or Collector.

Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,

That the Treasurer be, and hereby is impowred, to take, use and exercise, as well all such rules, directions, powers and authorities as have heretofore been given him in and by any Act or Acts of the General Assembly, or in any clause, branch or article thereof, as in and by this present Act for the obtaining and drawing into the Treasury, the Money herein granted, as also the Arrears of all former Rates, as fully and effectually, as if the same directions, powers and authorities had herein been again particularly recited and re-enacted; and notwithstanding any limitation or restraint thereof in or to the particular Act or Acts wherein the same are enumerated, set down and expressed.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,
That the Treasurer be, and hereby is impowred to issue forth and pay a certain number of the Bills of Credit of the late Colony of the *Massachusetts*, Endors'd in manner as is directed by the Act, Entitled, *An Act, For a present Supply of the Treasury*, to the Sum of Four Thousand Pounds & no more, towards the Uses for which this present Tax is granted; which Bills shall pass out of the Treasury at the value therein expressed, the Treasurer to have Credit in his Accompts after the rate of Five Pounds *Per Cent.* more for such Sum in said Bills as he shall so issue forth as aforesaid, having been received into the Treasury at that value, and the said Bills shall be taken and accepted in all publick Payments, with the advance of twelve pence on the Pound over and above the Sum therein expressed. And this present Tax, together with the Impost and Excise granted and continued by this Court, to be a Fund for the Re-payment of all such Sums in said Bills, as shall be in the hands of particular persons in currant Money of this Province.

AND WHEREAS the several Towns and Precincts here-after mentioned, are behind in Arrears of former Taxes granted by the General Assembly, as appears by an Accompt thereof laid before this Court by the Treasurer, the several and respective Sums following, *That is to say,*

Marthas Vineyard, in the Tax for Thirty thousand Pounds. Three hundred & fifty Pounds. Two hundred Pounds, whereof is remitted to them by this Court, the remaining One hundred & fifty Pounds to be Assessed upon the several Towns and Precincts on said Island in proportion following, *That is to say* } 150 00 00
Edger Town, Sixty five Pounds thereof, *Chilmark*, Forty two Pounds Ten Shillings, thereof, and *Tisbury*, Forty two Pounds Ten Shillings, thereof.

One hundred and fifty Pounds.

Nantucket, in the said Tax for Thirty thousand Pounds. Two hundred Pounds. } 200 00 00

Tisbury on *Marthas Vineyard*, in the Additional Tax to the Tax of Twelve Pence on the Poll and one Penny on the Pound for Estates, Twenty three Pounds eleven Shillings and three Pence. }

In the Tax for payment of the Province Debts, Sixteen Pounds. }

In the Tax upon Polls and Estates, Granted at May Sessions, One thousand six hundred ninety five, and Additional Tax Granted in February following, Twenty one Pounds six Shillings & eight Pence. }

In all, Sixty Pounds seventeen Shillings and eleven Pence. }

Chilmark on Marthas Vineyard, in the Tax for Polls and Estates, Granted in February, One thousand six hundred ninety four, five, Ten Pounds.

And in the Tax upon Polls and Estates, Granted at May Sessions, One thousand six hundred ninety five and Additional Tax Granted in February following, Twenty one Pounds six Shillings and eight Pence. In all Thirty one Pounds six Shillings & eight Pence.

Edger town on Marthas Vineyard, in the Additional Grant in September, One thousand six hundred ninety four, to the Tax of Twelve Pence on the Poll and one Penny on the Pound for Estates, Twenty nine Pounds nine Shillings.

In the Tax for payment of the Province Debts, Twenty three Pounds.

In the Tax upon Polls and Estates, Granted in March, One thousand six hundred ninety four, five, fifteen Pounds fourteen Shillings & six Pence.

In the Tax upon Polls and Estates, Granted at the Sessions in May, One thousand six hundred ninety five, and the Additional Tax in February following, Forty one Pounds. Making in all, One hundred & eight Pounds fifteen Shillings & eight Pence.

Dartmouth, in the old Afters, Eleven Pounds eight Shillings and ten Pence.

Mendon, in the two last parts of the Tax for Thirty thousand Pounds, Sixty five Pounds, whereof Twenty Pounds is remitted to them by this Court, the remainder to be Assessed is, Forty five Pounds.

Little Compton, in their proportion of Fifty eight Pounds, in the second part of the Tax for Thirty thousand Pounds, when Tiverton was annexed to said Town, Thirty nine Pounds.

Tiverton, in their proportion of said Sum, when annexed as abovesaid, Nineteen Pounds.

Tiverton, in their proportion to the last part of the Tax for Thirty thousand Pounds, while they were annexed to said Little Compton, Thirty Pounds seven Shillings & two Pence.

Kittery, in their proportion to the Tax upon Polls and Estates, Granted in May, One thousand six hundred ninety five, Twenty Pounds.

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Piracy.

Be it therefore Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,

That the Treasurer do send forth his Warrants to the Select men, Trustees or Assessors of each of the Towns and Precincts before-named, requiring them to Assess the said several and respective Sum and Sums which they are in Arrear as aforesaid, in manner and form as is directed for the Tax herein granted, and to return a Certificate thereof unto himself in manner before described. And the Treasurer is also ordered upon receipt of such Certificate, to issue forth his Warrants for the collecting and paying in the same, in manner, and at times in and by this Act set, limited and directed for the Tax therein granted. And all persons failing of their duty, either in the Assessing, collecting or paying in of the said Arrears, or any other thing of them lawfully required concerning the same, shall be liable to the same pains, penalties and forfeitures, as such as neglect their duty in any thing required of them relating to this present Tax.

An Act, Against Piracy and Robbing upon the Sea.

WHEREAS divers great Disorders, wicked practices & depredations have been and are frequently committed by several of His Majesties Subjects in and upon the Seas, to the great damage and prejudice of His Majesties Allies, and contrary to Treaties of Peace, and the good Correspondence which ought to be maintained amongst Christian Kings, Princes, and States is thereby lessened and impaired. And whereas, also divers of His Majesties Subjects have and do commit divers Inhumane and Hostile Acts and Depredations upon the Subjects and Allies of divers Princes and States in Forreign Parts, in amity with His Majesty; which by reason of the remoteness of the place where the Fact was committed, can very rarely be proved by witness indifferent, and many times Kill and Murder such persons being in the Ship or Boat where such Offences are perpetrated, which should bear witness against them in that behalf. And whereas divers persons to whom private Commissions of War are granted, do many times take, rob and spoil the Ships, Goods Merchandizes, and things belonging to the Subjects of Princes and States in Amity with the Crown of England, and Burn, Sink or Destroy such Ships or Vessels wherein such Goods, Merchandizes and Things were taken, that the same may not be discovered and known, contrary to the intent and meaning of the Granting of

